

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

September 6, 2007

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Chair Mayes called the meeting to order.

Present were: Rep. Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, and Ball,

Absent and excused was Rep. Meekoff.

Rep. Byrum moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 22, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Kathleen Law moved to excuse the member that was absent. The motion prevailed.

Chair Mayes turned the meeting over to Vice- Chair Byrum.

Vice-Chair Byrum laid before the Committee HB 5100 – Mayes – Economic development; renaissance zones; renewable energy facility; include agricultural crops in definition.

Vice-Chair Byrum recognized Rep. Mayes, sponsor of HB 5100 to explain the bill to the members of Committee on Agriculture.

Vice-Chair Byrum recognized James McBryde from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to answer questions by members of the Committee on Agriculture concerning HB 5100.

Vice-Chair Byrum turned the meeting back over to Chair Mayes.

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 5100 but did not want to testify.

Nancy Nyquist from the Michigan Department of Agriculture
Rebecca Park from the Michigan Farm Bureau

Chair Mayes recognized Scott Everett from Liberty Renewable Fuels who testified in support of HB 5100.

Rep. Byrum moved to amend HB 5100 as follows:

1. Amend page 3, line 19, after “**OR**” by inserting “**PROCESSED PRODUCTS FROM AGRICULTURAL CROPS;**”.

The motion prevailed, the vote being 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball,

Nays: None.

Rep. Kathleen Law moved to report out HB 5100, as amended, with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball,

Nays: None.

Chair Mayes announced that the Committee on Agriculture will meet next week, the day and time will be announced at a later date.

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Mayes adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:10 a.m.

Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk